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SUBJECT: ELEVENTH SESSION, UNIDO INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT BOARD
(IDB-XI); AGENDA ITEM 8(C), MONITORING OF IMPLEMENTATION OF
LIMA DECLARATION (ID/B/182)

1. BY ITS RESOLUTION 45 (IX), THE IDB INSTRUCTED THE SECRETARIAT TO REPORT PERIODICALLY ON INFORMATION RECEIVED FROM GOVERNMENTS ON ACTION TAKEN TO IMPLEMENT THE PROVISIONS OF THE LIMA DECLARATION AND PLAN OF ACTION, THE SECRETARIAT HAS RESPONDED TO THIS BY CARRYING OUT TWO SURVEYS OF MEMBER GOVERNMENTS BY LETTER AND QUESTIONNAIRE. DOCUMENT ID/B/182 PRESENTS A BRIEF SUMMARY OF REPLIES AND A RECOMMENDATION TO THE IDB FOR FURTHER ACTION.

2. NOTING THAT USE OF QUESTIONNAIRES DIRECTED TO GOVERNMENTS, ALTHOUGH NOT AN ENTIRELY SATISFACTORY METHOD, APPEARS TO OFFER THE ONLY PRACTICAL WAY OF GATHERING THE INFORMATION REQUIRED BY THE IDB, THE SECRETARIAT ASKS THE IDB FOR ITS COMMENTS ON THIS APPROACH (ONLY 30 COUNTRIES REPLIED TO THE QUESTIONNAIRE). BASED ON REPLIES RECEIVED, THE SECRETARIAT OFFERS A FEW CONCLUSIONS (PARA 13), E.G., THAT DEVELOPED COUNTRIES MAINTAIN THEIR RESERVATIONS IN RESPECT OF THE NIEO, THAT LDC DEVELOPMENT OBJECTIVES PLACE HIGH
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PRIORITY ON REDUCTION OF UNEMPLOYMENT, AND THAT TERMS OF TRADE APPEAR TO HAVE SLIGHTLY IMPROVED FOR LDC'S.

3. IN ITS SUGGESTIONS FOR FUTURE ACTION, THE SECRETARIAT PROPOSES THAT ITS MONITORING ACTIVITIES CONCENTRATE MORE CLOSELY ON LDC DEVELOPMENT PLANNING ACTIVITIES AND COOPERATION AMONG LDC'S; AND SUGGESTS THAT OTHER INTERNATIONAL

ORGANIZATIONS (ILO, WORLD BANK, UNESCO, FAO, GATT AND UNCTAD) UNDERTAKE SPECIFIC MONITORING ACTIVITIES IN THEIR SPECIALIZED FIELDS ON BEHALF OF UNIDO. FINALLY, THE SECRETARIAT PROPOSES THAT THE IDB APPROVE THE ISSUANCE OF A NEW QUESTIONNAIRE FOR MID-1978 TO PROVIDE DATA FOR A FURTHER REPORT TO BE PRESENTED TO UNIDO-III, AND SUGGESTS THAT THE IDB REMIND ALL GOVERNMENTS "OF THE NECESSITY OF RESPONDING TO THE

QUESTIONNAIRE." THE SECRETARIAT HOLDS THAT AN ANALYSIS OF INFORMATION THUS PROVIDED "WOULD ENABLE CORRECTIVE ACTION

TO BE TAKEN" TOWARD ACHIEVING THE GOALS OF THE LIMA DECLARATION (PARA 13(P)).

4. THE SUGGESTION THAT OTHER INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATIONS BE CALLED UPON TO TAKE PART IN THE MONITORING EXERCISE APPARENTLY HAS THE LIMITED INTENTION OF CALLING UPON THESE AGENCIES TO ASSIST UNIDO RATHER THAN THEIR TAKING OVER RESPONSIBILITY FOR THE EXERCISE IN THEIR FIELDS OF COMPETENCE; U.S. DEL MIGHT, HOWEVER, IN ITS INTERVENTION, ELICIT SECRETARIAT CONFIRMATION OF THIS. U.S. DEL COULD USE THIS OPPORTUNITY TO MAKE KNOWN ITS VIEWS ON THE UTILITY OF THE QUESTIONNAIRE METHOD; IT SHOULD, IN ANY CASE, EXPRESS THE VIEWS THAT ANY QUESTIONNAIRE SHOULD BE DRAWN UP SO AS TO ADDRESS THE SAME QUESTIONS TO ALL GOVERNMENTS AND TO PERMIT OF FLEXIBILITY IN THE CONTENT AND FORMAT OF RESPONSES. CARE SHOULD BE TAKEN TO AVOID THE APPEARANCE OF ACCEPTING A PRACTICE OF GOVERNMENTS MAKING FORMAL ANNUAL REPORTS TO UNIDO. THE U.S. STATEMENT UNCLASSIFIED

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COULD MAKE CLEAR THAT THE ISSUANCE OF A REPORT TO UNIDO-III SHOULD MARK THE END OF THIS PHASE OF THE MONITORING EXERCISE.

5. IT WILL PROBABLY NOT BE POSSIBLE TO AVOID A DECISION OR RESOLUTION OF THE IDB LOOKING TO AN ADDITIONAL QUESTIONNAIRE IN 1978 AND URGING GOVERNMENTS TO RESPOND TO THE QUESTIONNAIRE; WE CAN, HOWEVER, TAKE CARE TO AVOID SUCH LANGUAGE AS THE REFERENCE TO "CORRECTIVE ACTIONS" DESCRIBED IN PARA 3 ABOVE. STIBRAVY

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